



# FIRST ANNUAL ATHLETIC BANQUET

**Roxbury Community College**

**Monday, May 10, 1976**

**57 Restaurant**

**200 Stuart Street**

**Boston, Massachusetts**

**7:30 P.M.**



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

By His Excellency

MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS

Governor

A PROCLAMATION

1976

WHEREAS: The hallmark of American life is accentuated by the ability of youth to achieve physical fitness through various athletic and competitive activities; and

WHEREAS: Basketball is a significant competitive sport through which sound minds and bodies are developed; and

WHEREAS: The Roxbury Community College women's basketball team has excelled in basketball by winning the New England Regional Championship of the National Junior College Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS: Winning the Regional Championship gave this team the right to represent Region XXI of the two-year college women's basketball teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association national competition at Johnson Community College, Overland, Kansas, March eighth to twelfth, nineteen hundred and seventy six;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 24, 1976 as

ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY

and urge the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundredth.

By His Excellency the Governor

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## PROGRAM

<i>Music for Listening</i>	John West Combo New England Conservatory of Music
<i>Toastmaster</i>	Mr. Ed Cooper Liaison Roxbury Senior Citizens
<i>Invocation</i>	Mr. Joe Cook Instructor Roxbury Community College
<i>Selection</i>	John West Combo
<i>Recognition of Special Guests</i>	Dr. Ervin Rouson Dean of Students Roxbury Community College
<i>Selection</i>	John West Combo
<i>Introduction of Speaker</i>	Mr. Leo Richardson Head Basketball Coach SUNY at Buffalo
<i>Guest Speaker</i>	Mr. Thomas Sanders Head Basketball Coach Harvard University
<i>Vocal Solo</i> <i>"We've Only Just Begun"</i>	Ms. Cecelia Eaves
<i>Award Presentation</i> <i>"Sweet Georgia Brown"</i>	Presenters: Mr. Willie Booker Athletic Director Roxbury Community College <i>and</i> Mrs. Alfreda Harris Girls Basketball Coach
<i>Remarks</i>	Dr. Walter L. Smith President Roxbury Community College
<i>Music for Listening</i>	John West Combo

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## FEMALE TEAM

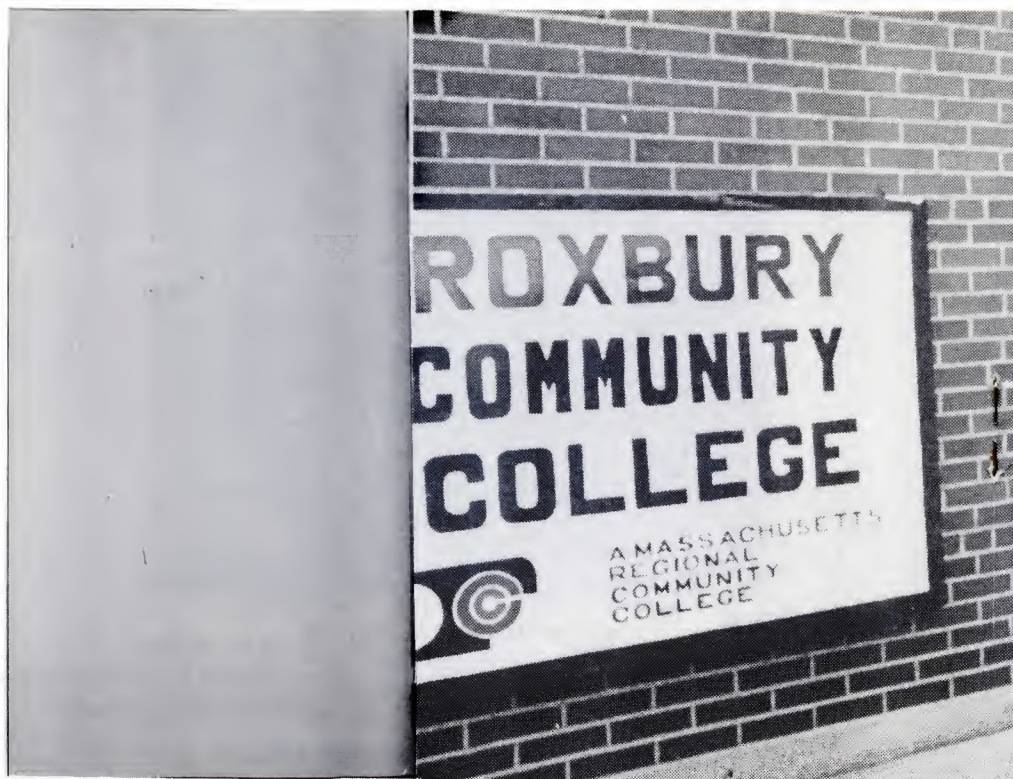
*Front Row L-R: Carmen Green, Toni Chandler, June Robinson  
Back Row L-R: Jennifer Webb, statistician; Cheri Webb, Lillian Wallace, Alice Dailey, Marcia Williams, Alfreda Harris, coach.*



## MALE TEAM

*Front Row L-R: Asbury Richmond, Tom Mosley, Rickey Palmer, Ray Banks  
Center: Laurcean Henderson  
Back Row L-R: Wayne Anderson, Bobby Pellman, Jerome Denny, Mike Holloway, Willie Booker, coach*





**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** When the Roxbury Expressettes and Express were launched upon rails during the 1976 basketball season, the two locomotives rode non-stop to championship stations.

The Express' first stop was for the Massachusetts Eastern Division championship which was won when the team finished the season with a 22-4 win-loss record. The only regular season conference defeat was by 1 point to the 1975 state champions, Mass. Bay Community College. During regular season competition, the Express averaged 82 points per game while holding its opponents to an average of 63 points per game.

The Expressettes shot steam to their engine as it headed for Waterbury, Connecticut, as a "Wild-card" team in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament. Seeded sixth among the eight participating teams, the Expressettes built momentum by defeating the team that had dealt Roxbury Community College the fatal blow for state cham-



pionship competition, Massasoit Community College. Mitchell Community of New London, Conn. and defending regional champions, Berkshire Community College, were subsequently derailed as the Expressettes "smoked" toward national competition in Kansas City, Kansas.

Before retiring for the season, the Express revved its engine, switched rails and headed south for Cape Cod and the state tournament where they methodically bumped Berkshire by 35 points, and Mass Bay by 16 points to become the 1975-76 Massachusetts Community College basketball champions.

This, then, reflects the athletic success of the first-year teams of Roxbury Community College. In behalf of the Roxbury Community College family, thank you for your support.

*"We've Only Just Begun."*





## **GUEST SPEAKER Thomas E. Sanders**

Thomas E. Sanders is the epitome of brain and brawn, an image builder for aspiring athletes. While playing basketball at New York University, Mr. Sanders looked beyond his college career and prepared for a versatile professional career.

Though Mr. Sanders is head basketball coach at Harvard — an accomplishment in its own right — he is president of Sanders and Company, Inc., a Boston printing company, partner of Don Nelson/Tom Sanders Basketball School at Manchester, New Hampshire; managing partner of the Lamonte Realty Associates, and trustee of the Provident Institution for Savings. Moreover, Tom Sanders is a television personality in roles as panelist, host and narrator. He is actively involved in community affairs as board member of the Roxbury Boy's Club and a member of the Black Citizens of Newton. He was the 1975 co-chairman of the Roxbury YMCA steering committee.



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